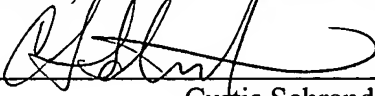


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In response to the Office Action of February 19, 2004, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-8, for continued prosecution in the above-identified application. The Election is made with traverse.